

FIRE PROTECTION TRAINING GUIDE - BATTALION CHIEF – PREVENTION

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

BATTALION CHIEF - PREVENTION

Either I

Three years of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a fire captain or Fire Crew Supervisor, one year of which must have included full-time experience as a fire prevention specialist.

or II

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Junior Forester including a six-month assignment in fire prevention work. (Employment as a Junior Forester will admit applicants to the examination but they must complete the required one year of experience including the six months of specialized experience before they can be appointed.)

or III

Experience: Two years of experience in fire prevention, public information, law enforcement work, or related occupational fields. (Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must have been in a class comparable in level to Forestry Graduate Trainee.)

and

Education: Equivalent to graduation from college. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for up to two years of the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING - BATTALION CHIEF - PREVENTION							
Course			Participant Time Frames			Prerequisites	Notes
Title	Hours	Level	When	Requirement	Frequency		

JOB REQUIRED

Training listed is in addition to the JOB REQUIRED training for the Battalion Chief position. Also see Battalion Chief for additional job enhancement and career development.

Job Required Within First Year - Battalion Chief - Prevention

P.O.S.T. Basic	680	CDF Academy	Within 1 year of assignment	Unit Option	Refresher 24 hours every 2 years	Background check, First Responder Medical, CPR, Physical exam, psychological evaluation	
P.O.S.T. Supervision	80	CDF Academy	Within 1 year of assignment	P.O.S.T. Required to supervise LE Officers	One time training	Background check, PC 832	

760.00 Total Additional Hours Job Required Within First Year - Battalion Chief - Prevention

Job Required Within Second Year - Battalion Chief - Prevention

Fire Prevention Education - CDF	32	Unit	Within 2 years of assignment	CDF Policy	One time training	None	(*)
Incident Management 3 - CDF	40	CDF Academy	Within 2 years of initial assignment	CDF Policy	One time training	Incident Management 2	

72.00 Total Additional Hours Job Required Within Second Year - Battalion Chief - Prevention

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JOB ENHANCEMENT

Fire Investigator 1 - Certified CFSTES	80	Region/ Community College					
Fire Prevention Analysis and Planning - CDF	28	Region					
Fire Protection Land Use Planning (CEQA) - CDF	40	Ranger Unit					
S-490 Advanced Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations - NWCG	32	Region/Unit				Basic Engine Operation (BFEO) or Basic Fire Control-Firefighter Module; Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290) or an agency equivalent course, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations (S-390) and BEHAVE program training	
Strategic Analysis of Fire Prevention Programs (R309)- NFA	80	National Fire Academy					
Fire Service Communication (R107) - NFA	80	National Fire Academy					
Chief Officer Certification - CFSTES	400	CFA/CSFM				Community College Degree	(1)

Course			Participant Time Frames			Prerequisites	Notes
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Fire Investigator II - Certified CFSTES	80	CFA/CSFM				Fire Investigator I	(2)
Arson Investigation Unit	40	CDF Academy					
California Building Code	36	CSFM				Prevention 1A (recommended), Prevention 1B (recommended)	
Plans Check	36	CSFM					
Management of Fire Prevention Programs (R225) - NFA	80	National Fire Academy					

1,012.00 Total Hours Job Enhancement Training

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Fire Prevention Officer III Certification - CFSTES	120	CFA/CSFM					(3)
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NOTES: (*) = New Department policy
 (----) = Subject Area Taught in the Course Listed Above
 (1) = 10 courses
 (2) = 2 courses
 (3) = 3 courses

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